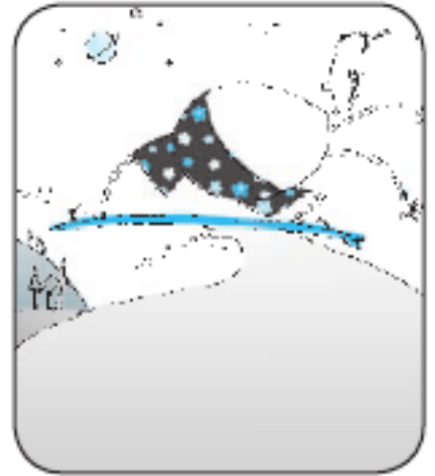


Writing Complex Sentences 1

Sentence combining is one of the most valuable skills you can develop as a writer. With practice, you can combine short, choppy sentences into longer, smoother-reading sentences. One of the most efficient kinds of sentences to form when combining is the **complex sentence**. Complex sentences contain one independent clause and one or more dependent clauses. (See page 579 and 794.1 in *Texas Write Source* for more information.)



Directions

Combine the following short sentences by adding the subordinating conjunction indicated in the parentheses. The first one has been done for you.

1. Visitors have been coming to Vancouver Island for years. Few know about the excellent surfing locations. (*although*)

Although visitors have been coming to Vancouver Island for years, few know about the excellent surfing locations.

2. The sun rose. Frank began to hike the trails. (*as soon as*)

3. He planned to go hunting. He changed his plans so he could take his daughter skiing. (*although*)

4. People keep very busy and very fit on Vancouver Island. There are many outdoor activities. (*because*)

5. The hillsides are always green. It rains a lot on the coast. (*because*)
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6. Residents of Vancouver Island are always prepared for rain or sunshine. The weather is unpredictable. (*because*)
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7. Kayakers skim across the rivers. Skiers swish down the slopes. (*while*)
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8. Vancouver Island is an excellent place to view killer whales. It is located on the Pacific coast. (*because*)
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9. The tourists enjoyed a morning of whale watching. They visited the Parliament Building and had tea at the Empress Hotel. (*after*)
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Next Step Write a paragraph about a place you would like to visit. Use short, simple sentences in your paragraph. Read your paragraph aloud to a classmate. Then exchange your paragraph with him or her. Ask your classmate to revise your paragraph by combining the short sentences into complex sentences.